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## Bid for 100-bed chosen

BY SYLVIA COLE  
*Review Staff*

After a decade of discussion, a 100-bed supportive living facility has been approved for Didsbury.

"It's been a long time coming," said Mayor Brian Wittal. "I hate to see that it takes that long. At least now we're moving forward and we know it's going to happen."

Earlier this spring, the provincial minister of infrastructure announced his ministry and the Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports would fund the \$10 million for a facility in Didsbury, with matching funding to be provided by a private company.

Bethany Care Society, a non-profit organization in existence for 65 years, was one of 13 companies to submit a proposal, and was the one chosen.

"This will be a replacement for the existing services at the hospital so it will be for people needing 24-hour care and support," said CEO Greer Black. "So less independent and more dependent living." He said whether they will build something for independent living is hard to say at this point, but will take a look in the community to see if there is a need.

"The focus is on privacy," he said explaining each of the 100 units will be a private room with an attached bathroom including toilet, sink and shower. All rooms will be wheelchair accessible.

"There will be the various common spaces. There will be some dining rooms and I would say more than one. We don't want to bring 100 people into one massive dining area." He also said there will be a number of lounging areas and a place where they can get the majority of residents together for entertainment.

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**COURT APPEARANCE** - Jesse Boyd Beech of Carstairs is led into Didsbury Provincial Court on Nov. 24 (above). Scott Lockhart Demolitor appeared before Judge Eugene Creighton by closed circuit TV from Calgary Remand Centre Monday.

## Accused attackers appear before court

BY DAN SINGLETON  
*Review Staff*

Two men facing charges of attempted murder and aggravated assault, and assault with a weapon following a violent and bloody home invasion in Didsbury have each made first court appearances.

Jesse Boyd Beech, 18, of the Carstairs area, and Scott Lockhart Demolitor, 18, of Langdon, also face charges of break and enter, possession of a prohibited weapon and disguise with intent. Each man faces 11

charges in total.

Three men were severely injured when they were attacked with a hammer and hatchet during the early-evening home invasion of a residence in the 2000 Block of 24th Avenue on Nov. 21. Four other people at the home were sprayed with bear spray during the incident.

Police believe the home was specifically targeted, and that the public is not in danger, said Didsbury RCMP Cpl. Warren Wright.

The attack was motivated by a dispute over a girl, said RCMP spokesperson

Sgt. Patrick Webb. He said he did not know if the girl was the girlfriend of one of the victims.

Beech and Demolitor were arrested in Carstairs and Langdon respectively on Nov. 22.

Beech appeared before Judge C.M. Skene in Didsbury provincial court on Nov. 24.

During that court appearance, Didsbury lawyer Brian Forestell, an agent acting on behalf of Beech's Calgary lawyer Ian MacKay, requested the accused's show cause or bail hearing be adjourned

until January 6.

The judge granted the request, remanding Beech in custody pending that court appearance.

Dressed in a blue sweatshirt and jeans, Beech did not speak during the brief court appearance.

Demolitor appeared before Judge Eugene Creighton by closed circuit TV from the Calgary Remand Centre Monday.

During that appearance, Didsbury lawyer Roy Shellnut appeared as agent for Demolitor's lawyer Tonii Roulston.

Demolitor, dressed in a

jail-issued jumpsuit, spoke only briefly, saying he wanted to appear in person for his show cause hearing in Didsbury.

At the request of Roulston, that show cause hearing will be held Dec. 6 in Didsbury. Demolitor remains in custody.

Prosecutor Deven Singh told Judge Creighton that the Crown is proceeding by indictment against Demolitor, meaning it will seek the greater punishment in the event of a conviction.

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## Sewer remains priority for council

BY SYLVIA COLE  
Review Staff

Council is considering touring a wastewater facility in Okotoks, after meeting with the manager of the facility during last week's Alberta Urban Municipalities Association convention.

Mayor Brian Wittal, Rick Mousseau, Ray Anderson and Peter Versluis attended the convention held in Edmonton November 23 to 25. During the trade show, Wittal spoke with different companies such as Epcor about partnering.

"We had the good fortune to run across a gentleman that manages the facility that Epcor built in Okotoks. We had a good chance to talk to him about

the facility and the operation of it and he invited us down to take a tour," said Wittal, who hopes to invite Carstairs and maybe even Crossfield and Olds.

In the past couple of years council has been looking for ways to manage effluent and looked into the option of a continuous-flow mechanical plant over a year ago. Alberta Environment denied grants saying the technology is too expensive and too new. Wittal said the town hasn't overlooked the possibility of bringing in a private industry to build and operate a sewage treatment plant and took advantage of the trade show during the AUMA to speak with different companies.

Okotoks faced similar problems when its wastewater plant could no longer hold capacity for the growing municipality and had discharge limits. The town entered into a partnership with EPCOR to provide upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant.

"They (Okotoks) had the same problem as us," said Wittal who is looking forward to investigating another possible route for the town's growing problem.

Also at the convention, councillors had a chance to attend different workshops and Wittal said another focus for him was learning more about community engagement and volunteerism.

"Nothing was what I would call 'brand new' information. We went to get a focus on some of our priorities from our retreat," he said, adding that community involvement and volunteerism was one priority that came from the retreat earlier this month.

"I'd like to see us working on building our community within our community and getting people more engaged even in their neighbourhood and building the pride of Didsbury and calling it their home," said Wittal.

Councillors will have a chance to share their ideas at the next council meeting or the next committee as a whole and will decide from there what ideas to move forward with.

### Beds

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Black will meet with Wittal and town administration on December 16 to hammer out details of the design and location.

"The discussion with him will be about their thoughts and plans as far as the building they are proposing and whether it's something we can look at doing a joint build with them," said Wittal who said the town is looking to construct a new facility joining the library, FCSS, Didsbury Afterschool Care

and Didsbury Neighborhood Place on the old high school grounds, one of the four possible locations for the Bethany Care Society.

The four potential locations for the Bethany Care project include the old high school grounds located across from the Ross Ford Elementary School, the hospital, across the street from the hospital (by Alfred Place) and near the current high school.

"Anything north and you're into the industrial area. I don't really see there being an opportunity for anyone wanting to build

there," said Wittal.

Black said he will be investigating all four sites and won't say at this point which one interests the company most, or how much the project will cost.

"We will be meeting with mayor and town officials as soon as possible so we can introduce who we are and so we can get a sense of what the needs of the community are," he said.

In 2000 Alberta Health and Wellness recognized a need for long-term care beds in Didsbury but suspended construction as operational

responsibility shuffled between health regions. In 2007, health officials met with the town with plans for the location, layout and size for a new \$26.5 million facility, but that too was put on hold as former health minister Ron Liepert called for a review of all in-flight capital projects by the treasury board. Ten years later, two different ministries have taken over the project and proposed to put up \$10 million to be matched by a private company. The hope is to complete the build in 2012 along with 13 other facilities across Alberta.

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## Plans in place for sustained power outage

BY SYLVIA COLE  
Review Staff

Didsbury went without power for over an hour during one of the coldest days of the week with temperatures dipping below -30 last Tuesday.

"We're still investigating what happened," said Dennis Floate, spokesperson for AltaLink.

He said there was a line trip in Innisfail and Red Deer that caused the outage in Innisfail, Olds, Bowden and Didsbury.

"A line would trip if it was overloaded – it would shut

off," he said. The power was restored quickly to Innisfail he said but getting the power back to the surrounding areas took over an hour.

"The lines south of Olds are weak, so it took longer to fix," he explained. In total 25,000 people were without power at one point last Tuesday morning.

While people shivered in the dark, town employees were planning what would have to be done if the outage continued.

"If it started to be out for several hours in -30 degree temperature like the other day, we would then start

putting the call out to say we have a reception centre starting up," said Derek Sutherland director of emergency management.

The reception centre in Didsbury is at the multi purpose room, and by fluke was open and ready to use that day, he said.

A group was using the room but left early when the power went out. Sutherland stayed, in case the outage continued and people needed a warm shelter. But he said had the power outage continued, the multi purpose room wouldn't have been a big

enough space to accommodate everyone and they would have to start looking for alternate sites.

"The other day everything from Innisfail down to Didsbury was out. If that was sustained ... we would have to send people to Carstairs and Cremona and Sundre. We would have to make sure there was transportation provided to move people around," he said.

Sutherland explained Didsbury is part of a regional emergency preparedness committee that encompasses all of Mountain View County.



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Johnny Summers, with the Calgary Jazz Orchestra, worked with students during the Lions Jazz Clinic last Tuesday and Wednesday in Didsbury. Students in Chinooks Edge were present as were students from Chestermere, Airdrie and High River.

## Students find rhythm during outage

BY SYLVIA COLE  
Review Staff

Even a power outage couldn't stop students from tickling the ivories during last week's jazz clinic in Didsbury.

The clinic, held Tuesday and Wednesday at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church was almost brought to a halt when the power went out all through town around 11:00 a.m. Tuesday morning.

"There were probably 200 middle and high school kids sitting in the main auditorium in the dark," said Kirk Wassmer, Didsbury High School director, and one of the coordinators for the event.

"One student went up to the piano and played a song. After the student finished, everyone clapped, so another student went up – and the same reaction," he said. Pretty soon, there was a lineup of kids waiting to play in the dark. Wassmer drove up to the school to grab an acoustic bass so Mocking Shadows could play a set but by the time he came back the power had turned back on.

"The power going out was actually one of the highlights for me," he said, thrilled with how students responded to the blackout.

Students from Chinook's Edge, High River, Chestermere and Airdrie

travelled to Didsbury and Olds last week to learn from adjudicators during the day clinics, and listen to bands perform in the evening.

In total 14 schools were present. Only one group cancelled because the bus wasn't running.

Band teacher Joel Windsor in High River, a previous Didsbury High School student, brought his students out to the clinic for the first time this year.

"Didsbury is definitely where I can say I found my passion for music," said Windsor, who started percussion during his school years.

"It was great to bring my students out here and let them experience the clinics," said Windsor who plans to return next year. He said High River also runs a clinic this time of year, and his 28 band students have a busy week performing in both.

"It's a lot of work for them but you don't get an opportunity like this very often to play with talented musicians," he said.

On Monday night, students performed at TransCanada Theatre in Olds and Tuesday Mocking Shadows performed. The week ended with a standing ovation for the Calgary Jazz Orchestra who played for the first time in Olds.

"We were really proud to have been part of it," said

Rotary Club of Olds president Marjory Lally. The Rotary floated the festival this year after funding from Calgary Association for the Development of Music was discontinued last year.

"It wasn't a sellout, but I think because people liked them (orchestra) so much, word will spread for next year." She said

they haven't tallied the sales yet to find out if they brought in more money than they fronted.

"Even if we didn't make any money from it, it was fulfilling in other ways," she said, citing the engagement of students as an example. "Hopefully we will encourage other jazz musicians to come."

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# Opinion

## Health system cookie continues to crumble

DAN SINGLETON



The dismissal of Alberta Health Services CAO Stephen Duckett over flippant remarks made to reporters – the now infamous 'I'm eating my cookie' comment – will do nothing to address the ongoing crisis in the province's health-care system.

And while the Duckett episode will very soon become yesterday's news, residents in West Central Alberta and elsewhere continue to face a health system that is badly in need of major overhaul.

In particular long wait times at hospital emergency rooms remain a very serious bottleneck in the system, not only creating inconvenience and unnecessary suffering for patients, but actually putting some patient's lives at risk.

The Stelmach Tories have been quick to claim that removing the head of the AHS system – a system, incidentally, that the Tories themselves created when they decided that popularly elected health boards weren't to their liking – won't unduly impact the health system.

"I want to assure Albertans we have a strong health system," said Health Minister Gene Zwozdesky. "Dr. Eagle (Duckett's replacement) will continue to implement the many important initiatives underway to move the health system forward in accordance with our plans."

Not surprisingly, opposition parties and other critics have been equally quick to call Duckett's removal largely irrelevant to a health system mired in very serious crisis.

The Liberals, the NDP, the Wild Rose Alliance, the United Nurses of Alberta, and the Friends of Medicare are some of the groups critical of the government's larger health-care policies and plans.

"Ed Stelmach, Ron Liepert, Gene Zwozdesky – these men are truly responsible for the emergency room crisis," said Liberal leader Dr. David Swann. "These men put Stephen Duckett in a position to be fired. He was their sacrificial lamb and their latest transparent attempt to shift the blame."

Friends of Medicare, a public health advocacy group, is equally critical.

"Mr. Duckett took his direction from the minister of health and the premier," said Friends president David Eggen. "We must not let Mr. Duckett's dismissal deflect the blame from those who are actually responsible for the systemic problems in health care."

Stephen Duckett's cookie comments were unfortunate and ill-timed – and now provincial taxpayers are on the hook for more than \$600,000 in severance with his dismissal. Yet in the end the entire cookie episode is little more than a sideshow when compared with the ongoing troubles facing Alberta's health-care system.

Hopefully all the hype about the Duckett episode will quickly give way to renewed efforts on the part of the Stelmach Tories to bring much-needed relief for patients now being forced to languish in hospital waiting rooms and in crowded hallways across this province.



## Editorial

### AHS nothing short of a failure

Letting Stephen Duckett go on Wednesday afternoon was one right move, though not the cure-all the Alberta government and its voters are looking for when it comes to health care. It's the right first step in accomplishing what Alberta's opposition parties are arguing for — disbanding Alberta Health Services (AHS) entirely and returning to the previous model of individual health regions.

AHS has accomplished little more than making health care more of a failure in Alberta than it was even before the giant super board was created out of ostensibly nothing in 2008. There was little mention of it until the government actually announced it was happening. There was no consultation and no public mandate. It was a move that took almost everyone outside of the Ed Stelmach government by complete surprise.

The entire idea was unbelievable at the time and still is, especially with repeated public failures becoming

ing the order of the day, some of which can be attributed to Duckett but others that can be placed squarely at the idea of a gigantic bureaucratic monolith being made responsible for the health and well-being of 3.7 million people living in a sprawling province with unique social, financial and health care needs. We were told this would save the province money by ridding us of the enormous salaries of the health region CEOs. Yet it has cost us upwards of \$1 billion just in government bailouts alone to simply run AHS with no quantifiable return on investment. Human dignity has been sacrificed at the expense of trimming costs when patients are dying in emergency rooms or the mentally ill are being told they will no longer get "free" hygiene products.

It's as if the politburo of the former Soviet Union has taken over health care in one of the most conservative provinces in Canada. Granted, universal health care is a socialist

pursuit, but to expect one entity to decide how many doctors, nurses, hospital beds, surgeries and tests will be performed in any given year in any given area is akin to outright communism. What suffers? Everything. Emergency room wait times are just the latest public crisis in health care — what about a lack of family physicians, nurses and nurse practitioners? Acute care beds, long-term care beds and spaces for the mentally ill? Hip and joint replacements? Prompt imaging results? How is one static, immovable, bureaucrat-heavy body going to fix every single problem health care faces and save us money?

It can't. Was Duckett a scapegoat? Absolutely, but only because there is little accountability to both the public and the government on the part of AHS.

Gene Zwozdesky's direction to get rid of Duckett proves the lie beneath the assertion that AHS operates at arm's length of the government. If Zwozdesky and

Stelmach have no problems manipulating AHS to serve their own needs, then it stands to reason that an elected cabinet minister should be accountable, not the unelected CEO. Given the proof that model does not work, it makes sense to eliminate it altogether.

Health care requires flexibility, room for innovation and a capacity to respond quickly to immediate problems, none of which an all-encompassing giant like AHS can provide. The larger the entity, the slower the response and the more resistance to change there is. It is better to pass off AHS as simply an experiment gone horribly wrong and wash our hands of it than continue to try and fix something that isn't accomplishing anything but making headlines. Let's bring back the regional health authorities, resurrect ministerial accountability and put health care front and centre once and for all.

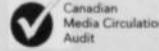
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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS JANITORIAL SERVICES

The Town of Didsbury invites proposals for the contract of Janitorial Services for the Town of Didsbury.

The successful contractor will be responsible for the cleaning of the Didsbury Train Station and other Town buildings.

For questions on the proposal, please contact Luana Smith by phone or by email.

Please submit proposals to: Luana Smith, Manager of Legislative Services  
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Fax: (403) 335-9794  
Email: lsmith@didsbury.ca



## Supplementary Assessment Final Complaint Date December 23, 2010



### Bylaw Corner - Snow Removal

After a great November, like it or not, the snow and the cold are here. With the snow of course comes the shoveling. I need to remind everyone that the bylaw requires you to shovel the snow on the side walks adjacent to your homes within 24 hours. Those of you with corner lots are responsible for the sidewalks on either side of your lots. Also when shoveling it is important not to shovel the snow out onto the street and place the excess snow on your lawn or boulevard. If you are clearing an area of the street in front of your home you cannot pile the snow anywhere on the street. You must pile it off the street or the sidewalk.

Under the snow removal bylaw there are two offences:

1. Failing to remove snow from the sidewalk adjacent to your lot within 24 hours of the last snowfall.
2. Piling snow on the sidewalk or street.

Please dress warm and watch the ice. If you are a senior and are not able to shovel your own snow, please make arrangements to have it removed. Didsbury Seniors Support Services at 403-335-4391 may be able to assist you in finding a suitable solution.

*Peace Officer D. Sutherland  
Peace Officer M. Trotter*

## PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

### REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

### MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, January 5 2011 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

### LIFELINE SOCIETY MEETING:

Monday, December 13, 2010 at 10:00 am in Council Chambers

*The Town Office will be closed on December 10, 2010 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm*



## DIDSBUY NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

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• **CREATIVE CHRISTMAS BAKING** - Have your little elves making Christmas crafts and decorating treats. Ages 8 - 12 years old. Children will get to take home their baking creations. December 8 from 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm at Didsbury Neighborhood Place. \$20.00 (including supper).

Call Didsbury Neighborhood Place 403-335-8719 to register.

## NOTICE

Your Public Works Department respectfully requests that during winter storm events, you park your vehicle off the street whenever possible. This will enable us to perform better in our task of plowing the snow from roadways in Town.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Mark Sture, CET, Manager of Public Works

### Town of Didsbury Request for Proposals Sanitary Sewer Service Clean-out and Video For Private Sanitary Connections RFQ PW 10-01

Details available on our website: [www.didsbury.ca](http://www.didsbury.ca)  
Or call the Public Works Department at 403-335-8343

## DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS

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Town of Didsbury after hours pager	403-507-3624
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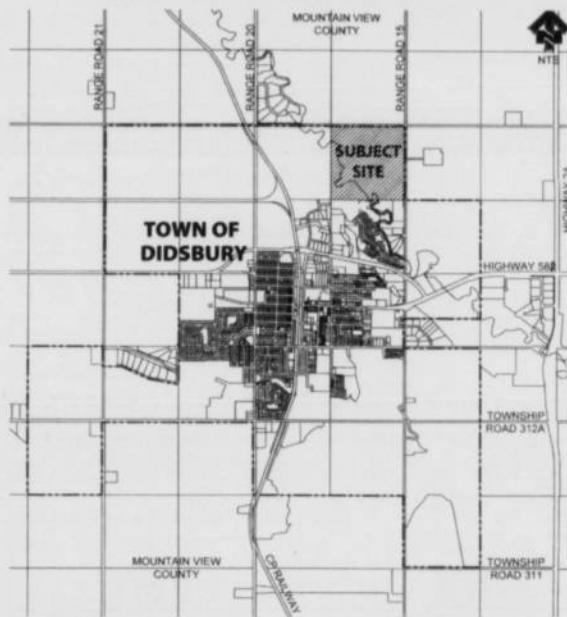
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# Survey identifies over 100 historic buildings downtown

BY SYLVIA COLE  
Review Staff

Gord Fulton never tires of hearing stories about his shop. In fact he looks forward to it and said it's part of what gives the 75-year-old building its character.

Almost every week someone comes inside and revisits a memory of what the store was like 40, 50 years ago. In the dirt-floor basement, bolts of cloth were once sold, and lining the baseboards outside the shop, were advertisements encouraging people to step inside.

"These old stores have soul. They have a personality and character," he said.

Fulton's shop, Victoria's Flowers and Gifts, along 20 Street, is located in one of the first stores built in town.

When he took over the building six years ago he discovered plywood had covered up the front of the shop, including the original name of the store, "J.V. Berscht 1925." The store first opened in the early 1910s but two fires had Berscht rebuilding the store, twice.

Fulton pulled up laminate flooring to find old hardwood floors, and stripped the plaster walls to find brick walls underneath.

"Now pre-fab stores are put up and there's nothing unique to them," he said. "No one is going to walk into a Wal-Mart 50 years from now and say 'I know who laid that brick wall based off how the bricks were laid,' or 'I remember coming here to buy jeans,'" he said.

Fulton has spent the last few years, trying to restore the store to original look, with the help of family and friends.

He's hoping his building, which was identified in a recent survey as one of 136 potential heritage buildings downtown, will be picked for municipal designation. This would allow Fulton to apply for provincial funding of up to \$50,000 matching grants twice a year to go towards the preservation of the building's original look.

Town council approved in 2009 the spending of \$20,000 to hire Heritage Consultants to conduct a heritage survey in the downtown area. The sur-

vey is part of the province's Municipal Heritage Partnership program that helps municipalities manage their historic places by offering matching grants for heritage surveys and inventory. The province matched council's spending with another \$20,000.

Bob and Eryn Buckle, of Heritage Consultants toured the town and looked for buildings they felt would meet criteria of a heritage home. They have come up with a list of 136 potential buildings that will be submitted to the town, province and museum at the end of December.

Pending funding from the provincial government, the list will be whittled down in 2011 when the heritage inventory is conducted. The cost for the inventory will total \$40,000, half being paid from the town, the other half, the province.

"The inventory will determine places of interest," said corporate resource coordinator for the town.

CynDee Walden, "Not all buildings will be considered significant or in proper condition to be considered significant," she explained. Heritage Consultants will come in again but spend more time looking at the architecture of each building and looking at the history of the town to see if the buildings are historically significant.

"It has to be done with the consent of the owner." She said there has been some criticism in town from people about the project because once a building is designated municipally significant, there are limitations on what you can do with the building.

"You have to maintain the integrity of the building," she said. "It doesn't mean you can't add onto the building, but you do have to make sure it matches the look of the rest of the building," she explained.

"Didsbury is known for its historical downtown ... and we want to ensure we main-

tain that because once it's gone, it's gone. And there's no way to get the beautiful historic homes back."

Fulton agrees. He moved to Didsbury 17 years ago

and quickly became involved in the museum.

"History is important to me. I believe it's important to preserve the buildings," he said. "Some cities and

towns are just ripping down old buildings but I feel in honour of the history, we need to preserve. We have a responsibility to do that," he said.



Photo submitted

The Olds and District Music Teacher's association awarded students from Didsbury, Carstairs, Olds and Bowden with the highest grades during the 2009/10 year. Awards were given out November 19 in Olds. Pictured left to right: (back row) Shana Ross, Marjorie Patterson, Stefanie Cala, Karl Sawatzky, Alexander Kimber, Jacqueline Berild, and Carmela Lukacs (middle row) Terence Kelly, Avery Petersen, Becca Vammen, Kathrin Wildt, Anika Reynar, Lucy Sawatzky, and Maritza Lukacs (front row) Anja Kelly, Alex Kim, Hunter Jackson, Sage Jackson, and Wesley Wilks.

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Sylvia Cole/Didsbury Review  
A Ford F350 rolled into a ditch last Thursday west of Didsbury on Highway 582 after getting clipped by a plow truck. Didsbury RCMP and Mountain View County peace officers responded to the scene.

## Police briefs

BY SYLVIA COLE

Review Staff

### Mailboxes run over

A Canada Post mailbox was knocked to the ground between November 19 around 11:30 p.m. and sometime the next morning. Snow tracks reveal after hitting the box, a

truck drove partially in the ditch for a quarter mile up Highway 791, just east of Didsbury. Further up the road, truck tracks were again witnessed in the ditch as well as pieces of grey and gold moulding. RCMP are looking for any information.

### B&E results in \$6,000 lost property

A break and enter occurred overnight in Carstairs resulting in \$6,000 of stolen property. A new home on McClung Street that was recently sold but not yet occupied was broken into sometime between last Wednesday evening and early Thursday morning through the basement window. A fridge, microwave, dishwasher and stove were taken and the gas and water supply were turned off. Anyone who might have noticed anything suspicious is asked to contact the RCMP.

### Dog takes bite out of child

A nine-year-old child received a bite to the cheek last Monday night from a pit bull cross on the 100 block of First Street East in Cremona. The child was taken to Didsbury Hospital for medical attention and the matter is currently under investigation under the provincial dog act. Police said the child was on public property and was not trespassing.

### Advisory committee apply for status

The community police advisory committee that has been a year in the making is ready to apply to the Alberta government for society status. On the November 10 meeting, bylaws went through a final review. The committee, formed out of community members in the area, is meant to discuss regional issues that people feel need to be addressed. "The big thing is trying to get the status so we can then get grants and those sorts of things," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson, who sits on the committee. He said discussion generated from the committee focused around youth and finding ways to involve them in the community and educate them on various topics but nothing has been finalized at this point.

### Impaired driving December focus

RCMP is focusing on impaired driving for the month of December. "With Christmas season upon us we want to get the message out there that drinking and driving is not tolerated," said Sgt. Jacobson. "We recommend people make arrangements for designated drivers for parties, bars, or social events. Have fun, but do it responsibly," he said. He said people can expect a number of random checkstops that could pop up anywhere.

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# Community briefs

## Christmas Train returns

The CP Holiday train will be stopping in Didsbury once again this year. The train, in operation since 1999 has made frequent stops in Didsbury and was last here in 2008. This year, the Odds will perform on the train down by the train station on December 11 at 12:30 p.m. "The Odds food bank will be here accepting donations that will be distributed locally," said CynDee Walden, corporate resource coordinator. She said bleachers will be set up for people to watch the entertainment and cookies and refreshment will be offered. "The original intent of the train is to fundraise food donations," she said. The train will be in town for an estimated 45 minutes. -S.C.

## Graduates awarded scholarship

Didsbury graduates, Tanner Watt and Steini Daub recently won \$1,000 scholarships towards a registered apprenticeship program. Watt and Daub graduated from Didsbury High School last June and have since started their professions, Daub as a carpenter and Watt as a heavy equipment technician.

"These scholarships recognize achievement and encourage students to achieve in their trade," said Ray Massey, chair of the Alberta apprenticeship training program.

Last year, while the two were completing high school they earned on-the-job hours that went towards high school credits and graduation. The scholarship was awarded to 500 of 18,000 students that completed the course. -S.C.

## Elks initiate

Last week 85 people from 18 different lodges travelled to Didsbury for an Elks initiation ceremony. The members representing the 18 lodges travelled as far as 300 kilometres to attend. In the past, each society was responsible for initiating its own members, but this year members decided to bring people together for the ceremony as a chance to meet other clubs. Katrina Rempel from Didsbury was the only local to join the club of 88 people. Another ten members from various municipalities were also initiated that evening. -submitted

## Christmas Hampers starts up

A blanket of snow covers the town ushering us into another season. Our hearts turn with excitement to Christmas. For many, however, this holiday is not met with joyful anticipation but rather, sorrow, as the reality of life and unfortunate situations settle around them. Tomorrow marks the first day volunteers with the Christmas Hampers will be looking for donations. Christmas helpers are distributing food and gift hampers for individuals and families within the Didsbury area. They need everyone to help accomplish such a large task. If you or anyone you know is in need, call (403) 335-3629. This Friday evening come and find out more about the hamper program at the Elks lodge where Christmas ornaments will be decorated. -submitted



Noel West/Didsbury Review

Lance Plewes, a volunteer with the Didsbury Chamber of Commerce hangs a garland on Nov. 27.

## LONE PINE AGM MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2010 at Lone Pine Hall 7:00 p.m. memberships on offer 7:30 p.m. Meeting

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## In and Around Didsbury

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## Saturday, Dec. 4

The Redeemer Lutheran Church Ladies are having a Bake Sale from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fireside Room at the church. Everyone welcome.

## Saturday, Dec. 4

The Annual Children's Breakfast with Santa hosted by Accredited Supports to the Community will be held at the Evergreen Centre in Olds at 10 a.m. Please phone the office (403) 556-4110 re tickets.

## Wednesday, Dec. 8

The Christmas Potluck Dinner at the 5-0 Club will start at 12:30 p.m. The turkey is supplied, your favourite dish of salad, veggies or dessert will make a great meal for all to enjoy.

## Thursday, Dec. 9

The doors at Eldon Foote Hall will open at 1:30 p.m. for all seniors of the town and districts. Please bring a donation for the Christmas Food Hampers. Have an enjoyable afternoon. This will be the last meeting until the New Year, Jan. 6, 2011 to be exact.

## Saturday, Dec. 11

This is the day the Christmas Train arrives at 12:30 p.m. with Santa and the "Odds" Band aboard. Hot chocolate and snacks will be served in the train station. Non perishable food donations or a cash donation all remain here for the Mountain View Food Bank. There will be bleachers for you to sit on to enjoy the band music.

## Monday, Dec. 13

The Didsbury Lifeline Society is meeting at the Town Office at 10 a.m. You are welcome to attend to learn all about Lifeline Services.

## Dec. 12-18

The Chamber of Commerce members will be touring Didsbury judging the Christmas Light Displays. If you are a rural resident, you can phone the Chamber Office (403) 335-3265 with directions.

## Tuesday, Dec. 14

The Didsbury Hospital Auxiliary members will meet at the hospital at 11:30 a.m. for a luncheon meeting.

## Friday, Dec. 17

The Didsbury and District Community Bus is going to Carbon for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings at the Good N' Plenty in Carbon. The bus will leave the complex at 3:30 p.m. To reserve your seat, phone Bea at (403) 335-3058.

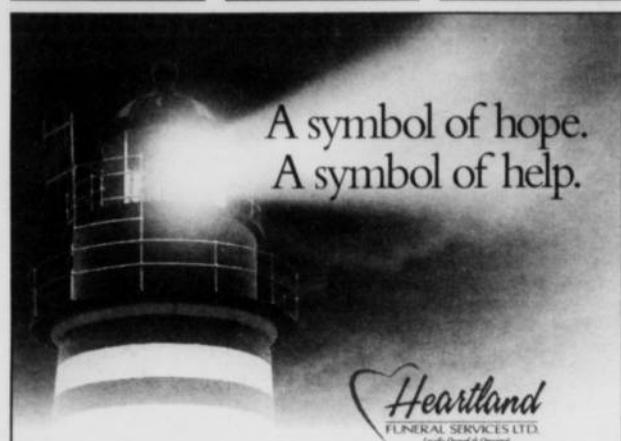
## Saturday, Dec. 18

The Mountainview Colts will be at home to play the Blackfalds team at 8 p.m. Your support will be appreciated.

## Sat., Dec. 18 & Sun., Dec. 19

All are welcome to come to the Redeemer Lutheran Church to view "The Nativity" being produced each night at 7:30 p.m.

The notice has just arrived of the Annual Didsbury Farm and Ranch Bonspiel being held Jan. 3-8, 2011 at the Didsbury Curling Rink. For events, phone Harry Reese (403) 335-3181 or Greg Reese (403) 507-9860 to enter. Early bird entry by Dec. 15, closing date for entries is Wednesday Dec. 22, 2010. The teams can have two or three farmers, can be men, mixed or women and a business person is drawn to complete the team.



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# FRONT PORCH REALTY

**2017 - 24 Avenue**  
A cute character, 3 bedrooms, original hardwood, new furnace and stove, large lot in a good location



**\$132,000**

**1302 - 20 Street**  
Great opportunity to build a renovation project and build some equity. 1 + 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, wood stove, garage and carpet



**\$169,900**

**103 Westview Greens**



**\$169,900**

**1909 - 17 Street**  
Lovely maintenance free living, new hardwood floors, new paint and baseboards, 2 bedrooms, main floor laundry, double garage, reasonable HOA fees



**\$229,900**

**104 Westpoint Place**  
over 1500 sq ft plus developed basement, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, beautiful hickory kitchen, gas fireplace, jetted tub, large yard, great location!



**\$359,900**

**2.82 acres straight west of Didsbury**  
1935 sq ft bungalow, stick on grade with in-floor heat, large living areas, double sided fireplace, oversized heated double garage, great location on pavement, beautiful mature yard



**\$389,900**

**1505 - 22 Avenue**  
Neat as a pin and upgraded with newer windows, furnace, and more. 2 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, covered deck, single garage



**\$229,900**

**#82 Didsbury Mobile Home Park**  
low, low price for this little home that needs some work. 1 year old furnace, 2 year old ridge, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath



**\$9,900**

**Tanglewood Acres!**  
2.2 acres, over 2100 sq ft home, open plan, gas fireplace, jetted tub, ceramic tile floors, wrap-around deck with hot tub, close to town



**\$509,900**

**303 Campus Green**  
Large four plus in the building, 1330 sq ft of covered and no maintenance! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas fireplace, wrap-around partly enclosed balcony, great neighbours



**\$219,900**

**1514 - 18 Avenue**  
3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, recent main floor upgrade include flooring, countertops, bathroom rem's and more, fireplace, double garage



**\$229,900**

## THE PORCH BOYZ



Come in on the 3rd for a chance to win a turkey!

**1306 - 23 Avenue**



No Condo Fees! Lovely 45+ unit, hardwood, vaulted ceilings, kitchen island and pantry, gas fireplace, quiet area by the hospital.

**\$279,900**

**1155 Kildeer Close**



2140 sq ft, open floor plan, maple kitchen, hardwood, ceramic tile, gas fireplace, fully finished with walkout basement, well priced

**\$369,900**

**103 Westheights Close**



5 bedrooms, 3 baths, fireplace, huge kitchen/dining, enclosed deck, large yard, excellent location, over 1900 sq ft

**\$329,900**

**1806 Anderson Court**



Great starter or revenue property, total of 5 bedrooms, wood stove, full basement, 16' X 32' garage, fenced yard

**\$169,900**

**2106 - 14 Avenue**



Spacious home with large main floor family room, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, main floor laundry, single garage

**\$229,900**

**107 Westridge Place**



Over 1500 sq ft and fully developed, open floor plan, 3 + 2 bedrooms, 3 baths, gas fireplace, huge fenced yard

**\$374,900**

**1807 Anderson Court**



Affordable first time home or revenue property, you won't find 1155 sq ft, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, no expenses added

**\$109,900**

**10 Westheights Drive**



1400 sq ft bungalow, 4 bedrooms, many recent upgrades including flooring, kitchen cabinets and much more. Bright and airy, wood stove, fenced deck, excellent location

**\$277,000**

**1403B - 18 Avenue**



Spacious bungalow, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas fireplace, deck, double garage, large fenced yard

**\$243,500**

**2510 - 15 Avenue**



Spacious family home, fully finished, gas fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, wrap-around deck, double garage, large fenced yard

**\$264,900**

**18 Valarosa Cove**



Brand new and beautiful! over 1600 sq ft, hardwood, gas fireplace, open plan, 9' ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, main floor laundry, walk-out basement, and much more!

**\$324,900**

**205 Campus Green**



Maintenance free living, 2 bedrooms, 5 appliances, air conditioning, balcony overlooking green space, heated parking, reasonable condo fees

**\$179,900**

**1525 - 20 Avenue**



A real character! 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, newer vinyl siding and windows, single garage, reasonable condo fees

**\$169,900**

## FRONT PORCH FOCUS

Join us for Didsbury Country Christmas on Friday, December 3rd. We'll have hot chocolate and some tasty treats

(and hopefully some good conversation too!) See you then!

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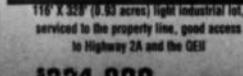
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**2009 20 Avenue**

Allen Reed

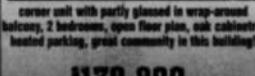
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**704 - 9 Avenue, Carstairs**  
115' X 328' (0.93 acres) light industrial lot, serviced to the property line, good access to Highway 2A and the GEM



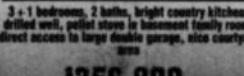
**\$224,900 + GST**

**304 Campus Green**  
corner unit with partly glassed in wrap-around balcony, 2 bedrooms, open floor plan, oak cabinetry, heated parking, great community in this building!



**\$179,900**

**1301 - 24 Street**  
3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, bright country kitchen, drilled well, pellet stove in basement family room, direct access to large double garage, nice courtyard area



**\$256,900**